

Stormwater Best Management Practices Fact Sheet Series

Home Repair and Remodeling

Home improvement and urban runoff pollution



Paints, solvents, adhesives, and common household products used in home improvement projects may contain toxic materials. If not disposed of properly, these products can run off into storm drains and end up in our lakes and rivers,

polluting our water and causing harm to wildlife and the environment. Dirt from excavations can get into the storm drain. Excess sediments can clog storm drains or harm aquatic wildlife.



What can you do to prevent pollution?

- Clean water based paint from brushes in a sink, not outside with a hose
- Dispose of paint, solvents, and other toxic products properly
- Keep all construction debris away from the streets, gutters, or storm drains
- Cover or contain excavated material to prevent erosion
- Never dispose of cement washout or concrete dust onto driveways, streets, or gutters



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